



20 December, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Reflection

*"Let us try to partake of the true Christmas, that of Jesus, who draws near to us- God-with-us, close to us, in order to receive the grace of this celebration, which is a grace of closeness, love, humility and tenderness" Pope Francis.*

## Live Simply Council

Last week, some of our children went to Victoria Park and collected three bin bags of litter! On the walk back from Victoria Park, the children notices the abundance of litter on the path next to Stanton Football Club, so this will our next project after Christmas.

## Mass Times at Christmas.

### **24 December- Christmas Eve (children's service):**

5.00pm St John Stapleford

10.30pm Our Lady, Ilkeston

### **25 December- Christmas Day:**

9.00am St John, Stapleford

10.45am Our Lady, Ilkeston

### **26 December- Holy Family:**

9.00am St John, Stapleford

10.45am Our Lady, Ilkeston

## Goodbyes...

Tomorrow, we say a sad goodbye to Miss White and Mrs McKenzie. Both have made such valuable contributions to St Thomas' and will be greatly missed. We wish them every success in the future.

## Years Three and Four after Christmas.

Mr Conlon, who we have recently appointed, cannot start till September. So, we have employed Mrs Molineux to work in the Year 3 and 4 phase together with Mrs Ford and Miss Kilbourne till July. Mrs Molineux was recently a teacher at Ockbrook School until it recently closed. She has worked on supply at school already this term and really impressed.



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### **Dates for your Diary**

School finishes at 3.30pm on Tuesday 21 December.  
Children return to school on Monday 10 January.

### **Parent Survey**

We sent out a survey on Friday for parents to fill out so we have the information at hand should we have to close or partially close due the pandemic after Christmas.. You can fill this survey out [here](#).

### **Christmas Nativity Play link**

We will send out a secured link to the Nativity plays that have been recorded in school tomorrow so you can watch at home if your child was involved.

### **Christmas wishes.**

It has been a very busy term for our staff and pupils. In the midst of our teaching and learning, preparation for all our festivities and nativity performances, we are mindful of the need to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. People all over the world will be celebrating the birth of Jesus and sharing the joy that he brings. We would like to thank you all- parents, pupils and friends of St Thomas' for your continued support and wish you and your loved ones a peaceful Christmas and a New Year of health and happiness

God Bless,

Mr Lobb & Mr Sellors



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